

## Special Notice.

Those of our subscribers who will not have paid their half-yearly subscription to "THE CONFEDERATE" by the first day of next month, will be required to pay \$1.50 after that date, or \$3.00 per annum. We have a few subscribers names on our book for three months—they, also, will be expected to pay at the above rates, where they have not complied with our terms. There will be no exceptions made in these charges, for we care not to have the patronage of any who are so inconsiderate in settling their small dues. We hope all our good patrons—and we have many—will take timely warning from this notice.

Our Agents at Liberty Hill, Flat Rock, Tiller's Ferry, and other places, will please act, on the reception of this notice, in accordance with the above instructions.

All transient advertising must be settled for in advance of their publication, otherwise they may not appear.

Yearly Contractors will have their bills presented quarterly, for payment.

Camden, December 13, 1861.

### Postage Stamps.

We are requested to state that a supply of Postage Stamps have been received, and may be obtained at the Post Office.

### "The Day We Celebrate."

Beat No. 2, Capt. A. M. KENNEDY, will parade to-day, at the usual hour, 10 1-2 o'clock, a. m., to commemorate the first anniversary of our independence from the old Government.

### Lancaster Cavalry.

On Wednesday next this Company, Capt. J. D. McILWAINE, will be in Camden, en route for Col. MARTIN's Regiment, at Pocotaligo. We hope our citizens will not fail to pay that attention to them, which they are wont to do on similar occasions. They are expected to go on the mid-day train.

### A Concert.

There will be given, on Thursday evening next, a grand Concert, by Mrs. BEWS, whose musical talent is well known to most of our good citizens, and to be assisted by Prof. ECKEL, of Harmony College—the proceeds of which will be remitted to the Committee, in Charleston, authorized to receive aid for the sufferers by the late conflagration.

### Lieut. J. A. Schrock, of the Kershaw Guard.

We were pleased to see this gentleman on a visit to Camden—the cause of which may not be so pleasing, as he has returned with a view of recuperating, having been laboring under a severe indisposition. He returns to camp in a day or two. Reports the health of the Company good, and well supplied with clothes and provisions—for which many thanks and kind remembrances are due to the good ladies of our town.

### South Carolina Conference.

This body met at Chester C. H., last week—the venerable Bishop ANDREWS presiding. The number in attendance, we observe, is good, considering the state of the country. Next week we will be able to give the list of appointments for the ensuing year, having been received at too late an hour for this week's issue.

Rev. MANNING BROWN, we learn, has been re-appointed to Camden station. This appointment suits ourself exactly, and have no doubt will be like pleasing to all our Methodist church-going people.

For the list of appointments we are indebted to the kind attention of Rev. E. A. LEMMOND.

### The Great Fire in Charleston.

The terrible conflagration with which our commercial metropolis was visited last week, has awakened the deepest sympathy, not only in our own State, but throughout the Confederate States, and must tend to mitigate, to some extent, the sorrow of those immediately concerned, to know how deeply their afflictions are felt, and the general desire to aid them been manifested in a manner so creditable to our humanity and the enlarged spirit of Christian charity which so characterises these Southern States. Our citizens held a public meeting on Monday last, which appears in another column, in reference to the subject. The ladies are also engaged in the work together. The town of Camden and District of Kershaw will not be behind in this noble work.

On our fourth page will be found a very interesting account of the fire, which we copy from the Charleston Mercury.

### The Weather and Christmas.

The weather is clear and bracingly cold, and had we our many absent friends amongst us, and at peace with all the world and the "rest of mankind," we would say everthing indicated a fine time for Christmas. Sausages, backbone pies, baked turkeys, and spare-ribs, loom up (in the distance) in anticipation upon the Christmas table. The children would cry, "Christmas is coming," and straightway prepare their stockings for the annual presents of Santa Claus. The cheeks of the little rogues dimple with smiles, and their eyes would sparkle with delight at the thought of the coming Christmas festivities.

We are fearful lest we should be compelled to egg-nog with some kind friend, who may favor us; for though we espouse the temperance cause, still we have a decided proclivity for a Christmas nog.

### The 20th December, 1860.

It is one year, to-day, since South Carolina took the important step of severing her connection with the old Union. For what has been accomplished towards the great object of deliverance and liberty, let us thank God and take courage. Few were prepared to believe that in the bosom of the Northern tribe, who claimed all the piety and virtue of North American people, there lurked such deadly enmity: such malignant venom. That we did not leave them too soon, subsequent events have abundantly proved. That we will, in common with our sister States, when destiny is now ours, ultimately triumph, and have a well established government based upon the Constitution, as adopted by our Confederate Congress, we as fully believe as we do in the existence of that God who rules in the heaven above and among the inhabitants of the earth beneath.

### For Next Week.

We have been favored with the perusal of a private letter, written by one of our young friends from Camden, now in the service in Louisiana, addressed to his father—a valued citizen—from which we have been permitted to extract; but after examining its contents we find ourself unable to extract, without omitting interesting portions of it, and have, for want of space and the lateness of the hour at which we received it, deferred its publication for our next issue. Its contents being general would be read with interest a month hence.

[FOR THE CONFEDERATE.]

CAMDEN, S. C., December 16 1861.

In pursuance of a notice from the Intendant, a meeting of the citizens of Camden was held at Town Hall, this day, to adopt such measures as might seem proper for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in Charleston, S. C. Whereupon, on motion of Mr. J. S. DePass, Mr. JAMES DUNLAP was called to the Chair, and JOHN J. WORKMAN requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting having been opened by prayer from Rev. S. H. HAY, and its object explained by the Chairman, it was, on motion of Mr. A. M. KENNEDY, resolved that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to prepare suitable resolutions for the meeting.

Messrs. A. M. KENNEDY, C. J. SHANNON, E. W. BONNEY, Dr. J. S. HANKELL and Rev. S. H. HAY having been appointed on said committee, retired and soon reported the following:

The citizens of Camden are convened to-day to give expression to their feelings of sympathy with their neighbours and friends of the

city of Charleston in the great calamity that has befallen them in the terrible conflagration of the past week, by which so vast an amount of property has been destroyed, and so many of her citizens have been deprived of their homes and reduced from comfort to want.

We would mingle our grief with theirs, and express our heartfelt sorrow of the severe ordeal through which they are now called to pass. Terribly scourged by this destructive conflagration, and menaced by an insolent foe who would delight in the entire ruin of the city, we would fain solace them with kind words of comfort and would show by our deeds that we appreciate their sufferings and would alleviate them as far as in our power.

In the Public Buildings destroyed we had with them a common interest, and especially in that Hall in which was performed the important act of signing the Ordinance which severed our connection with the odious tyranny of the Northern Government. An event we ever will cherish with emotion of liveliest gratitude, trusting that the same Providence that has so signally blessed the initiatory steps of the new Government of the Southern Confederacy will sustain and strengthen our fellow citizens of Charleston, and that a few years hence she may be found enjoying not only her ancient but a greatly increased commercial, social and Political importance: Be it

Resolved, That we offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the citizens of Charleston in this day of trial and suffering.

Resolved, That a committee of five for the town of Camden and its vicinity, and a committee of three for each Beat Company in the District, be appointed to solicit subscriptions, either in money, provisions or clothing, to be forwarded to the relief committee in Charleston.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to receive the contributions in provisions and clothing in the town of Camden, and to attend to the forwarding of the same.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting be requested to write to the President and Directors of the South Carolina Rail Road Company, asking free transportation for all articles for this purpose.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in THE CAMDEN CONFEDERATE, Charleston Mercury and Charleston Courier.

On motion, Messrs. A. M. KENNEDY, THOS. BOYKIN, JOHN McRAE, E. W. BONNEY and JOHN WHITAKER were appointed the committee for the town of Camden and vicinity, to solicit subscriptions; and Messrs. J. DUNLAP, GEO. ALDEN and R. M. KENNEDY, the committee to receive and forward contributions in provisions and clothing in the town of Camden.

Mr. BEWS, on behalf of Mrs. BEWS, proposed to give a concert in connection with Prof. ECKEL, of Harmony College, the proceeds of the same to be appropriated to the furtherance of the object of the meeting.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned.  
JAMES DUNLAP, Chairman.  
JOHN J. WORKMAN, Secretary.

A DUEL AT MANASSAS.—A correspondent of the Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer, writing from Centreville, November 27th, says:

A duel was fought yesterday morning at Mitchell's Ford, on Bull Run, between Maj. Seibels (brother of Col. J. J. Seibels, of the 9th Alabama Regiment), and Captain Bland of 7th South Carolina Regiment, in which the former gentleman was badly wounded, the ball entering his right side and coming out on the left, though not penetrating the cavity. Major Seibels is a large, fleshy man, and his wound is a severe one, having been made by a large size pistol ball. This unfortunate affair grew out of a game of chess. Maj. S. fired at the word one; his antagonist took deliberate aim and fired at the word three! Both acted with great coolness.

SPIES AT HEADQUARTERS.—A New York paper of the 17th inst., contains a list of the regiments battalions and companies in the Confederate service, with the names of officers and the places of encampment or duty. The Richmond Dispatch says:

It is a far better list than any journalist of Richmond could prepare from data to which he is allowed access. We have suspected that there were persons in official position who would not scruple to betray the country into the hands of the enemy if opportunity offered, and this remarkable publication goes very far towards confirming the theory. Of what use is it to hold secret sessions of Congress, and place injunctions on the Southern press, if the abolition papers of the North are to have their agents installed in convenient positions in Government departments.

## BY LAST NIGHT'S MAIL

### IMPORTANT FROM EUROPE!

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ENGLAND RESENTS THE SEIZURE  
OF THE SOUTHERN COM-  
MISSIONERS.

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THE INSTRUCTIONS TO LORD LYONS.

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PEREMPTORY DEMAND FOR APOLO-  
GIES AND THE RELEASE OF  
MASON AND SLIDELL.

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THE LONDON TIMES PREDICTS THE IMMEDIATE  
END OF THE BLOCKADE AND THE RECOG-  
NITION OF THE SOUTH.

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NORFOLK, December 17.—The Day Book of this morning publishes later advices from Europe, contained in the New York papers of the 15th instant.

The news of the seizure of the Southern Commissioners from the deck of the English steamer Trent, had reached England. An immense public meeting immediately assembled in Liverpool, to give vent to the general feeling of excitement and indignation.

The steamship Europa arrived at Halifax on the 15th inst., bringing the Queen's special messenger, bearing important official despatches for Lord Lyons. By the tenor of these despatches he is instructed to demand, peremptorily, the immediate restoration of the persons of Messrs. Mason and Slidell, the Southern Envoys, and to call for such apologies for the outrage, as the occasion warrents. These instructions are explicit, and have received the unanimous concurrence of the Queen's Council.

The London Times, in its editorial comments on the affair, predicts that three results will immediately follow, viz:

First. The destruction of the blockade of the Southern ports.

Secondly. The complete and effectual blockade of the Northern ports: and

Thirdly. The recognition of the Confederate States by France and England.

The Northern papers are terribly indignant at all these manifestations of sentiment in England.

The funds at London suddenly became quite flat, when the intelligence of the San Jacinto-Trent affair had transpired.

The bark Helen, Captain Westendorff, from Charleston, loaded with navel stores, had arrived at Liverpool, affording further evidence of the utter inefficiency of the blockade.

### LATER AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT.

DECEMBER, 17.—Six o'clock p. m.—The Baltimore Sun of this morning has just been received. The Day Book publishes an Extra containing the following summary of later and highly important news from Europe, as published in the Sun.

The Paris Patrie says that France will side with England, and take a decided attitude with regard to the difficulty. The Emperor Napoleon has tendered his services as "mediator."

The greatest excitement prevails throughout Great Britain and on the Continent. Heavy bodies of English troops have been ordered to embark at once for Canada. A ship is now loading at Woolwich with Armstrong guns and 80,000 Enfield rifles.

### Confirmation of the Above Despatches.

RICHMOND, December 18.—Official despatches have been received here by the Government confirming the news of the arrival of the Europa, with the Queen's messenger bearing despatches for Lord Lyons in relation to the Mason and Slidell seizure. England demands the unconditional surrender of Mason, Slidell, Eustis and Macfarland. The special despatches to Lord Lyons require him to call upon the U. S. to afford these parties safe transportation to England; or, in the event of this being refused, at once to demand his passports. France co-operates with England, and all Europe is in a blaze of indignation at the outrage of Commodore Wilkes.

### School Notice.

THE EXERCISES OF MR. McCANDLESS' SCHOOL will be resumed on WEDNESDAY, January 1, 1862. Pupils will be charged from time of entrance to the close of the session, which will be 9½ months. Terms of tuition made known on application to the undersigned.  
December 20

L. McCANDLESS.